

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

March 4, 2004

IN RE:

**TARIFF TO RECLASSIFY RATE GROUPING
OF CERTAIN BELL SOUTH EXCHANGES -
TARIFF NUMBER 2004-0055**

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**DOCKET NO.
04-00015**

**ORDER CONVENING A CONTESTED CASE PROCEEDING
AND APPOINTING A HEARING OFFICER**

This matter came before Chairman Deborah Taylor Tate, Director Pat Miller and Director Ron Jones of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "Authority"), the voting panel assigned to this docket, at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on February 9, 2004 for consideration of the *Tariff to Reclassify Rate Grouping of Certain BellSouth Exchanges - Tariff Number 2004-0055* filed by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. on January 20, 2004. On January 26, 2004, the Consumer Advocate and Protection Division of the Office of the Attorney General ("Consumer Advocate") filed a Complaint and Petition to Intervene.

During the February 9, 2004 Authority Conference, the panel voted unanimously to convene a contested case proceeding in this matter and appoint Director Pat Miller to act as the Hearing Officer in this proceeding to hear preliminary matters prior to the Hearing, to rule on any petition(s) for intervention, and to set a procedural schedule to completion.

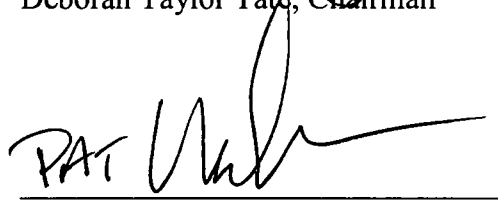
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. A contested case proceeding is hereby convened.

2. The Complaint and Petition to Intervene filed by the Consumer Advocate is granted and the Consumer Advocate is given leave to intervene and receive copies of any notices, orders or other documents herein.

3. Director Pat Miller is appointed Hearing Officer in this matter to hear preliminary matters prior to the Hearing, to rule on any petition(s) for intervention, and to set a procedural schedule to completion.


Deborah Taylor Tate, Chairman


Pat Miller, Director


Ron Jones, Director